

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1           1.     A method for outputting a performance, comprising:  
2                 receiving performance information via a network;  
3                 composing the performance by mixing stored information with one or  
4     more portions of the received performance information; and  
5                 outputting the performance.
- 1           2.     The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2                 recording the performance information; and  
3                 outputting a second performance using the recorded performance  
4     information as stored information.
- 1           3.     The method of claim 1, the composing the performance comprising:  
2                 retrieving one or more commands from the performance information;  
3                 decoding the one or more commands; and  
4                 performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.
- 1           4.     The method of claim 3, wherein performing the one or more tasks  
2     comprises executing a macro.
- 1           5.     The method of claim 4, wherein executing the macro comprises:  
2                 retrieving the macro based on the decoded one or more commands;  
3                 decoding the macro to generate a macro command sequence; and  
4                 executing the macro command sequence.
- 1           6.     The method of claim 5, wherein executing the respective commands  
2     comprises one or more of:  
3                 generating a sequence of commands for outputting the performance; and  
4                 assembling one or more stored command sequences for outputting the  
5     performance.
- 1           7.     The method of claim 5, wherein executing the macro command sequence  
2     comprises:  
3                 retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;  
4                 retrieving information indicating desired output content; and  
5                 generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or  
6     video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

1           8.     The method of claim 3, wherein performing the one or more tasks  
2 comprises reproducing a real-time transmission included in the performance information.

1           9.     The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
2                 executing programming commands;  
3                 generating a sequence of commands based on the executed programming  
4 commands; and  
5                 incorporating the decoded commands into the sequence of commands.

1           10.    The method of claim 9, wherein incorporating the decoded commands  
2 includes adding onto, interrupting, switching or replacing one or more commands within  
3 the sequence of commands, and the one or more portions of the performance are added  
4 onto, interrupted, switched or replaced based upon the incorporated decoded commands.

1           11.    The method of claim 3, wherein performing one or more tasks comprises:  
2                 retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;  
3                 retrieving information indicating desired output content; and  
4                 generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or  
5 video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

1           12.    The method of claim 3, wherein the one or more commands includes one  
2 or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping  
3 commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance  
4 commands that instruct to reproduce stored information from one or more specified  
5 locations of a storage device.

1           13.    A method for storing information for use with a performance reproduction  
2 device, comprising:

3                 providing a storage device; and  
4                 storing information, one or more portions of the stored information being  
5 retrievable based on one or more commands received by the performance reproduction  
6 device via a network.

1           14.    The method of claim 13, further comprising encrypting the information  
2 such that the information is readable only with the aid of a key.

1           15.    The method of claim 14, wherein the key is transmitted via the network.

1           16.    A storage medium storing first information for reproducing a performance,  
2           the first information controlling a network-controlled performance reproduction device to  
3           perform:

1                   receiving first performance information via a network, the performance  
2           information including at least one or more commands; and

3                   retrieving second performance information stored in the network-  
4           controlled performance reproduction device based on the one or more commands.

1           17.    The storage medium of claim 16, wherein the second information is stored  
2           on the storage medium storing the first information.

1           18.    A pseudo-live performance output device, comprising:

2                   a controller that receives performance information via a network and  
3           composes the performance by mixing stored information with one or more portions of the  
4           received performance information; and

5                   an output device that outputs the performance.

1           19.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 18, further  
2           comprising a recording device that records the performance information, wherein the  
3           output device outputs a second performance using the recorded performance information  
4           as stored information.

1           20.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 18, wherein the  
2           controller:

3                   retrieves one or more commands from the performance information;

4                   decodes the one or more commands; and

5                   performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1           21.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein  
2           performing the one or more tasks comprises executing a macro.

1           22.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 21, wherein  
2           executing the macro comprises:

3                   retrieving the macro based on the decoded one or more commands;

4                   decoding the macro to generate a macro command sequence; and

5                   executing the macro command sequence.

1           23.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 22, wherein  
2   executing the macro command sequence comprises one or more of:  
3                generating a sequence of commands for outputting the performance; and  
4                assembling one or more stored command sequences for outputting the  
5   performance.

1           24.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 22, wherein  
2   executing the macro command sequence comprises:  
3                retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;  
4                retrieving information indicating desired output content; and  
5                generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or  
6   video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

1           25.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein  
2   performing the one or more tasks comprises reproducing a real-time transmission  
3   included in the performance information.

1           26.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein the  
2   controller:  
3                executes programming commands;  
4                generates a sequence of commands based on the executed programming  
5   commands; and  
6                incorporates the decoded commands into the sequence of commands.

1           27.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 26, wherein  
2   incorporating the decoded commands includes adding onto, interrupting, switching or  
3   replacing one or more commands within the sequence of commands, and the one or more  
4   portions of the performance are added onto, interrupted, switched or replaced based upon  
5   the incorporated decoded commands.

1           28.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein  
2   performing one or more tasks comprises:  
3                retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;  
4                retrieving information indicating desired output content; and  
5                generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or  
6   video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

1           29.    The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein the one  
2   or more commands include one or more of programming commands that execute a  
3   software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored  
4   information, and performance commands that instruct to reproduce stored information  
5   from one or more specified locations of a storage device.

1           30.    A storage device for use with a performance reproduction device, the  
2   storage device storing information, one or more portions of the stored information being  
3   retrievable based on one or more commands received by the performance reproduction  
4   device via a network.

1           31.    The storage device of claim 30, wherein the stored information is  
2   encrypted such that the stored information is readable only with the aid of a key.

1           32.    The storage device of claim 31, wherein the key is transmitted via the  
2   network.